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	<u>Number</u>	<u>plus on holiday</u>
(i) Working normally	45	-
(ii) Turning some coal	10	-
(iii) Some men present	23	-
(iv) On strike/picketed out	96	-

Again, little change. Good attendances in the working areas. NACODS again working normally, except in Scotland.

- In Scotland 335 men reported (up 3 from Friday), including 188 again at Bilston Glen. NACODS working normally at only 6 pits.
- In the North East both Wilkinsons reported at Easington and 19 reported at Wearmouth.
- 67 reported in Yorkshire plus 130 contractors' men.
- In North Derby a single miner returned to work at Ireland colliery. There are now men in at all pits in this area, including 228 at Bolsover, 176 at Shirebrook and 155 at ~~Harrison~~.

Coal Movements

An estimated 874,000 tonnes were moved last week.

Law and Order

Generally quiet, though in Yorkshire 1200 pickets failed to prevent 4 miners from reporting at Brodsworth pit (1 up on Friday). There were minor disturbances at Brookhouse pit where

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800 pickets gathered and at Woolley where 400 pickets blocked the road.

In the contempt proceedings, the deadline for Scargill and the NUM to make representations to the High Court has expired. Orders requiring payment of the fines imposed last week ^{have} ~~will~~ now ^{been} ~~be~~ served.

NCB/NUM Negotiations

These resume at 5.30 this evening at ACAS.

Line to Take

The Coal Board has made every effort to bring this senseless dispute to an end. However, the NUM has so far rejected every reasonable suggestion - including the formula proposed by ACAS on Friday, and which the Board had accepted. Ordinary miners who are being exploited for political ends can help their cause and save their industry's future by returning to work.

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